

REMARKS

[0001] The Final Office Action allowed Claims 11-13. The Final Office Action found Claims 2-5, 7, 19, and 20 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claims and any intermediate claims. The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 8, 14-16, and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,257,407 to Truwit et al. (hereinafter "Truwit"). The Office Action rejected Claims 6, 9-10, 12-13, 15, 17-18, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being obvious in view of Truwit in view of US Patent No. 6,052,278 to Tanzer, et al. (hereinafter "Tanzer").

[0002] Claims 1, 10, 14, 16, and 22 have been amended to place the case in condition for allowance. Claims 6, 7, 15, and 19 have been canceled because the subject matter for these objected to, but allowable, claims has been added to the respective independent claims.

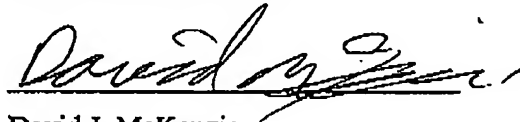
[0003] Specifically, Claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 7 that the mounting frame is configured to facilitate hot swapping of the electrical device. See Final Office Action page 4. Intervening Claim 6 was also included in amended Claim 1. Claim 10 was amended to resolve a claim dependency error. Claim 14 was amended to recite means for a mechanical connection that facilitates hot swapping and a means for an electrical connection to the electrical device. Consequently, Claim 15 was canceled. Claim 16 was amended to include substantially the same allowable elements of Claim 19, namely, the mounting frame that facilitates hot swapping of the electrical device. See Allowable Claim 19.

[0004] As noted by the Examiner, the prior art fails to show a mounting frame configured to allow hot swapping of the electrical device. The prior art also fails to show an equipment drawer configured to receive a plurality of mounting frames. The prior art also fails to show a mounting rail oriented to a face of the plate oriented towards the equipment drawer configured to mount the electrical device. See Final Office Action page 4. One or more of these features has been added to independent Claims 1, 14, 16, and 22.

[0005] In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that by these amendments Claims 1-5, 8-10, 14, 16-18, and 20-24, along with allowed Claims 11-13, are in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request that this case be allowed. In the event any questions or issues remain that can be resolved with a phone call, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

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